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Hello Members of the Group,

The November meeting was held via Teams on 11/19/2025 at 10:00 AM.

Attendees:

Kathy Caldwell – city of Snohomish; Randy Hude – Arbiter Incorporated; Don Leland – STOP, Inc; Alex Gobble – Belfair; Adam Hendry -- ; Wednesday Smith – city of Kirkland; Iliya Andreev – City of Redmond; Brandon Balliet – City of Bellevue; Antonio Romaele -- ; Jeff Koblyk -- ; Paul Molisani – Ecosconnect; Tim Cantwell – Woodinville Water; DeLynn Erickson -- Woodinville Water; Bob Hubbert – city of Seattle.

Business:

The November meeting consisted of a review of the annual conference that took place on 10/15/2025. The other action item was to hold elections for the 2026 officers.

1. Annual Conference Review.

a. **Attendees:** 112 participants and 11 vendors

b. **Survey results:**

i. **Have you attended The Group’s Annual Cross-Connection Control Seminar?**

1. 28% of 2025 attendees were NEW to the Group Annual Conference

ii. **Registration Process:**

1. Initial Registration: 100% favorable

2. Payment: 96% favorable

3. Check-in: 92% favorable

iii. **Location:**

1. Parking: 88% favorable

2. Accessibility: 96% favorable

3. Ease of Booking Hotel: 48% favorable 😞

iv. **Food:**

1. Breakfast: 88% favorable

2. Snacks: 96% favorable

3. Lunch: 76% favorable

v. **Speakers:**

1. Tiffany Miller: 87% rating

2. Bill Bernier: 91% rating

3. Joe Barbee: 79% rating

4. Jason Jackson: 84% rating

5. Doug Taylor: 90% rating

6. Rachel Neville & Bill Bernier: 92% rating

7. Alex Gobble: 85% rating

8. Overall: 87% rating

c. **Finances:** Net for the conference: **-\$1283.98**, less tragic than feared.

d. Tips/Takeaways:

- i. Check-in process improvements: preprinted nametags in alphabetical order by last name; have printed agendas in packets; get and post WiFi password.
- ii. Supplies: skip any extra microphone; bring a box of black Sharpies; bring tape box big and small for signage.
- iii. Contacts – have a list of relevant phone numbers at the ready for officers and hotel liaisons.
- iv. Vendors in the room or not – better to have separation, not in the same room.
- v. Lunch – do NOT schedule an event or talk during the lunch period, let people network.
- vi. Location –Preference will be given to southerly locations for 2026 conference.
- vii. Expectations – Sense of confusion between the BAT Forum and Annual Conference; do better in setting expectations and goals for each of the events to avoid disappointment.

2. Elections.

- a. **Vice Chair** moves up to Chair, so congratulations to Don Leland, new chair of The Group. Brandon Balliet from the city of Bellevue was elected as new Vice Chair.
- b. **Secretary** – Randy stays put for now with Alex Gobble waiting in the wings. The two of them will work together in 2026 to make the transition easier into 2027 for Alex and The Group.

3. Membership Drive.

- a. Randy will create a list of past members who DID NOT attend this year's conference and need to be emailed about updating their membership status. All who registered get the membership for 2026. All who were previous members, we will send a reminder email with paylink for 2026 after the event.

Next meeting will be held in-person December 17, 2025, in Bellevue, WA! We will also have a remote login for those who cannot make the drive out to Bellevue. New Chair Don Leland closed the meeting at 11:15 AM.